

**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, December 22, 2005**

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PRESENT: Laura Buono, Chairman; Leon Methot, Vice-Chairman; Selectman Heleen Kurk; Selectman Donna Osborne.

GUESTS: Steve Najjar, John Ciampi, Pat Myers, Paul Doescher, Frank Campana, Frank Bolton, Forrest Esenwine, Ginger Esenwine

1. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Buono moved to go into nonpublic session @ 6:33 p.m. pursuant RSA 91A:3II (d) for the purpose of discussing information in relation to negotiations for a land purchase. Seconded by Selectman Methot. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectmen Kurk – yes; Chairman Buono – yes.

In Attendance: Chairman Buono, Selectman Kurk, Selectman Methot, Selectman Osborne, Pat Meyers, Steve Najjar, John Ciampi,

Chairman Buono moved to come out of nonpublic session @ 6:46 p.m. Seconded by Selectmen Methot. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectmen Kurk – yes; Chairman Buono – yes.

Chairman Buono moved to seal and restrict the minutes pursuant RSA91A:3 III. Seconded by Selectman Methot. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

2. OPEN SPACE PRESENTATION

Chairman Buono explained that the main purpose of the meeting tonight is for the purpose of viewing a presentation by the Open Space Committee with regard to a proposal for the purchase of land. Chairman Buono turned the floor over to Steve Najjar, Chairman of the Open Space Committee. Mr. Najjar gave a presentation of a proposed land purchase of the Ferrante Land located in North Weare. This parcel contains approximately 600 un-fragmented acres and abuts John Stark Regional High as well as other conservation land. Various residents spoke in support of this purchase. Preliminary estimates suggests that the property to be worth approximately \$2 million however, acquisition of the land would be contingent upon approval at the 2006 town meeting. A warrant article to take out a bond will be on the March ballot. For more information, contact [conservation@weare.nh.gov](mailto:conservation@weare.nh.gov).

3. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Buono moved to go into nonpublic session @ 7:43 p.m. pursuant RSA 91A:3II (c) for the purpose of discussing information in relation to the cable committee's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Kurk. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectmen Kurk – yes; Chairman Buono – yes.

In Attendance: Chairman Buono, Selectman Kurk, Selectman Methot, Selectman Osborne.

The Selectmen discussed the recommendation of the cable committee for the award of the work to upgrade the cable station. Potential legal issues in awarding a contract to someone who changed their proposal once all proposals were opened was also discussed as well as past and current cable work experiences with the person being recommended. The concern that references were checked for all other companies except this one was also brought up. It appeared that based on several reasons, the recommended proposal does not appear to be in the best interest of the town. Selectman Kurk noted that this morning, she noticed that two of the proposals expired yesterday.

Chairman Buono moved to come out of nonpublic session @ 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Selectmen Methot. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Methot – yes; Selectman Osborne – yes; Selectmen Kurk – yes; Chairman Buono – yes.

Selectman Methot stated that due to the fact that there were two sets of specifications used and it appeared that some companies drew up their proposals using one set and others using the second set, the process could easily be challenged. With that in mind, Selectman Methot moved to reject all proposals. Motion was seconded by Selectman Kurk. Selectman Methot again stated there was too much inconsistency and confusion in the bidding process and this is the most logical solution. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Methot moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Kurk. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

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Laura Buono, Secretary Pro Tem